

CITY COUNCIL
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
5 3 0 SOUTH KING STREET, ROOM 2 0 2
HONOLULU, HAWAII 9 6 8 1 3 - 3 0 6 5
TELEPHONE: (808) 768-5010 • FAX: (808) 768-5011

March 11, 2020

## STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL CHAIRMAN IKAIKA ANDERSON URGING PUBLIC VIGILANCE

Honolulu City Council Chairman Ikaika Anderson today released the following statement in response to the World Health Organization declaring Covid-19, also known as Coronavirus, as a pandemic.

"On behalf of the Honolulu City Council, we urge all Oahu citizens and our visitors to exercise all of the well-publicized safety measures in light of this alarming health emergency. We are conducting Council Meetings tomorrow and next week to discuss Bill 35, which would provide emergency funds to help the City and County of Honolulu best address the virus. I usually welcome everyone to participate in the legislative process but now, it's prudent to encourage those interested in testifying to submit their testimony online and view the upcoming meetings online or on Olelo, Channel 54."

Chair Anderson points out that the public may still attend meetings at Honolulu Hale, but wanted to emphasize that safety should be the focus for all citizens, especially our elderly and those who may already be feeling ill. The Centers for Disease Control has identified older adults and those with serious medical heart and respiratory conditions as higher risk to Covid-19.

Information about the Honolulu City Council can be found at the following web sites: <a href="http://www.honolulucitycouncil.com">http://www.honolulu.gov/council</a>

###

Media Contact: Louise Kim McCoy Communications Director Honolulu City Council (808) 768-5078 louise.mccoy@honolulu.gov